

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

July 20, 2009 to August 14, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed construction project receiving federal financial assistance to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

USDOT/Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) proposes to relocate bus operations from the existing Royal Street facility in the City of Alexandria to a new facility that would be constructed in Fairfax County. Funding for the facility would be provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The location of the proposed new facility is 7901 Cinder Bed Road and consists of four parcels totaling 17.4 acres. The facility would consist of an operations and maintenance building; fueling building; service building; guard booth; and fleet and non-revenue vehicle parking. The total square footage of the buildings is approximately 258,200 square feet. Primary and secondary access roads would be constructed and two design options for the location of the secondary access road have been developed. The design options include: Option 1-use of an easement through an adjacent property to connect to Cinder Bed Road; and Option 2- connection to Cinder Bed Road via an existing driveway on site. The access road would be improved to handle transit and emergency vehicles. WMATA has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed facility consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (also called the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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